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SUBJECT: NATIONAL WAR COLLEGE VISIT TO ARA AREA,
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1. I HAVE RESERVATIONS ABOUT PROPOSED NWC VISIT AS
FOLLOWS: A) DEPENDING ON DATE OF AMBASSADOR TODMAN'S
ARRIVAL HERE AND ACTUAL PRESENTATION OF CREDENTIALS,
THIS VISIT MIGHT BE AMONG HIS EARLIEST PUBLIC ACTIVITIES.
IN A COUNTRY SUCH AS THIS WITHOUT A MILITARY ESTABLISHMENT
OF ITS OWN AND WITH CONSIDERABLE SUSPICION IN SOME
QUARTERS CONCERNING THE MILITARY ESTABLISHMENTS OF OTHER
COUNTRIES, I QUESTION WHETHER THIS WOULD PROJECT A
DESIRABLE IMAGE. B) A SECONDARY CONSIDERATION IS THAT
VISIT WOULD INEVITABLY ENTAIL SOME EXPENSE FOR GOCR, AT
LEAST FOR THE MINISTRIES PRIMARILY CONCERNED, PUBLIC
SECURITY AND FOREIGN RELATIONS, WHICH TRADITIONALLY OFFER
HOSPITALITY FOR SUCH OFFICIAL VISITORS. EMBASSY
HEARD THAT A RECENT VISIT HERE BY THE IADC POSED A
FINANCIAL PROBLEM FOR THESE MINISTRIES. C) NEVER-
THELESS GOCR WOULD PROBABLY WELCOME NWC. IN FACT, IF
POSSIBILITY OF VISIT IS ALREADY KNOWN TO GOCR THROUGH
ITS EMBASSY IN WASHINGTON I WOULD BE RELUCTANT TO SEE
IT DROPPED UNLESS IT WERE CLEAR THAT OVERRIDING
SCHEDULING OR ADMINISTRATIVE COMPLICATIONS WERE THE
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CAUSE.

2. RECOMMEND THAT PROPOSED VISIT BE DISCUSSED WITH
AMBASSADOR TODMAN UPON HIS RETURN TO WASHINGTON PRIOR
TO FINAL DECISION.

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